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## **B-1B sets 5,000 flight hour record**

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, Texas, (ACCNS) -- A Dyess B-1B strategic bomber from the 7th Bomb Wing set a milestone May 9 as it became the first Lancer to surpass 5,000 flight hours.

The aircraft, 86-0132 and nicknamed "Oh, Hard Luck," reached the milestone and completed its 1,150th landing. Brig. Gen. Joseph Stein, 7th BW commander, and Lt. Col. Garrett Harencak, 28th Bomb Squadron commander, were among the crew when the flight-hour milestone was reached. The aircraft is assigned to Dyess AFB's 28th BS, the Air Force's only formal training unit for the B-1.

The aircraft, the 92nd B-1 built, was delivered to the Air Force Feb. 29, 1988, and spent one year at McConnell AFB, Kan., before being transferred here. As the "oldest" B-1 in terms of flight hours, the aircraft will undergo a special inspection this summer at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker AFB, Okla. The findings of that inspection will provide the Air Force and the plane's manufacturer, Boeing, with insight for any future improvements to the B-1 fleet.

The entire B-1 fleet has flown 339,000 hours since the first Lancer, "The Star of Abilene," was delivered here on June 29, 1985. The aircraft closest to "Oh, Hard Luck," in flying time is another Dyess AFB aircraft, 85-0072, with more than 4,600 hours.

"Oh, Hard Luck" is named in honor of a Boeing B-17G that served with the 96th Bomb Group in World War II.

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